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1. WHILE AF/C AWARE OF POSSIBLE OPPOSITION TO FED PARTICIPATION IN WERTHEIM PROJECT BY LOCAL FED OFFICIALS, WE WERE NOT AWARE OF STRONG OPPOSITION BY GOR OFFICIALS. ADMITTEDLY, HITAYEZU AND BENDA LEMA TOOK ISSUE WITH WERTHEIM AT MEETING CONCERNING CERTAIN POINTS, BUT WERTHEIM DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY OPPOSED THE PROJECT.
2. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN WERTHEIM, RIBANJE, AND FED INDICATED FED WISHED TO EXAMINE PROJECT IN TERMS OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND TIME FRAME, BUT DID NOT INDICATE ANY OPPOSITION ON BASIS OF PRINCIPLE.
3. OF FOUR OPTIONS FOR FINANCING WERTHEIM LISTED IN APRIL 30 LETTER, ONLY ONE INVOLVED 3E FED. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NEITHER IFC, CDC, OR IBRD HAS MADE ANY NEGATIVE DECISION ON THE PROJECT. THEREFORE WE CANNOT

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UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING USED AGAINST WERTHEIM PROPOSAL.

ANY COMMENTS BY EMBASSY ON LETTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. REF STATE 2099 OF 4 JAN, EMBASSY MAY WISH DISCUSS WITH
AID TEAM POSSIBILITY OF AID PARTICIPATION IN WERTHEIM
PROJECT. DESIRABILITY OF AID PARTICIPATION IS OF COURSE UP
TO EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF DESIRABILITY OF PROJECT TO GOR AND
EMBASSY PRIORITIES. RUSH

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